

Georgia Department of Agriculture

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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

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TO: Out of State Bottled Water Companies

FROM: Mark R. Norton

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Consumer Protection Division

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of Out of State Bottled Water Certification

ATTENTION: Firm President and/or Owners:

Effective immediately, the Georgia Department of Agriculture is discontinuing out of state bottled water certification. Bottle water that is distributed in Georgia is required to be bottled from an approved source and under routine inspection by the country, state or municipality and meet pertinent Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rules regarding the interstate shipment of this product in 21 CFR.

The Georgia Department of Agriculture has no further requirements for out of state bottled water with the exception that if your product is stored in Georgia prior to being shipped to its final destination, then that facility would require a Food Sales Establishment License as a bottled water warehouse.

If there are any questions, please contact Mark Norton at 404-656-3621 or mark.norton@agr.georgia.gov.